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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

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Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending July 2, 2012

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV.
F WR 100 B	1,055	-	1,060	-	1,000	1,020	-	1,034	1,038
WR 100 B	605	-	605	-	605	600	605	604	609
PB 100%	595	-	600	-	605	605	600	601	605
PB 5%	590	-	595	-	600	600	595	596	600
WR 5%	600	-	595	-	595	590	595	595	600
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	585	-	585	595
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	575	-	575	590
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	570	-	570	580
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	525	-	-	-	530	520	-	525	538
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 31.5 baht/U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Domestic and export prices decline 1-3 percent from the previous week due to a lack of new enquiries. Foreign buyers are placing new orders for Vietnamese and Indian rice which is \$180-190/MT cheaper. As for the June 19-21, 2012 tender for 229,804 tons of 100% B grade fragrant rice and 20,733 tons of 5% grade white rice from the MY2011/12 main-crop Paddy Pledging Program, the Government cancelled the tender as the bidding offers were 5-10 percent below market prices. Meanwhile, the Government is in process of finalizing drafting the conditions for a new tender. However, there is a rumor that portion of the stocks have been privately released to large exporters as the Government wants to make the release low-key to avoid the impact on domestic prices.

Presently, the Government is holding total stocks of around 12.7 million tons milled equivalent, of which 2.0 million tons are old-crop intervention stocks, and 10.7 million tons are MY2011/12 crop. The MY2011/12 main-crop Paddy Pledging Program took delivery of a total of 6.8 million tons of paddy (4.5 million tons milled equivalent (Table 2)). The current off-season Paddy Pledging Program

has absorbed 9.3 million tons of paddy (6.2 million tons milled equivalent) since it began on March 1 up to July 1, 2012 (Table 3). The total weekly pledging declined to 221,357 tons of paddy, down 40.6 percent from the previous week. The Government expects that the weekly pledging will likely slow down from July onwards as around 90 percent of the off-season crop has been harvested.

Table 2. MY2011/12 Main-Crop Paddy Pledging Program (October 7, 2011 - February 23, 2012)							
Unit: Metric Ton							
Region	Number of Farmer	Amount of Paddy					
		Fragrant Rice			White Rice	Glutinous Rice	Total
		Homali	Provincial	Pathumthani			
North	990,415	912,852	269,552	2,790	1,465,654	290,461	2,281,909
Northeast	787,824	2,774,757	-	84	164,062	211,626	3,150,529
Central	154,816	-	65,872	12,968	1,266,425	-	1,344,665
South (Feb 1 - Jul 31, 2012)	4,945	-	-	-	22,780	-	22,780
Total	1,277,400	3,087,609	995,424	15,242	2,918,921	442,087	6,799,283
Note: As of October 7, 2011 - April 9, 2012							
Source: Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce							

Table 3. MY2011/12 Off-season Paddy Pledging Program					
Unit: Metric Ton					
Region	Number of Farmer	Amount of Paddy			
		White Rice	Pathumthani	Glutinous Rice	Total
			Fragrant Rice		
North	424,130	3,890,455	5,369	199,761	4,095,585
Northeast	186,795	714,006	1	93,571	807,578
Central	354,637	4,312,280	114,941	-	4,427,221
South	-	-	-	-	-
Total	965,562	8,916,741		293,332	9,330,384
Note: As of March 1 - July 1, 2012					
Source: Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce					

Rice Export Update

Unofficial rice exports (excluding fragrant rice) for June 25 – July 1, 2012 totaled 100,306 tons, up 823 tons from the previous week, and up 13,357 tons from the four-week moving average of 86,946 tons. Exports of white rice and parboiled rice during January 1 – July 1, 2012 totaled 2,596,287 tons, down 50.2 percent from 5,207,862 tons in the previous year.

According to the Department of Foreign trade, Ministry of Commerce, total rice exports (including fragrant rice) during January 1 – June 26, 2012 amounted to 3,370,170 tons, down 45.5 percent from 6,181,500 tons in the previous year.

Table 4: Weekly rice exports (excluding fragrant rice)					
WEEK ENDING	QUANTITY	4-WK.AVG	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR AGO	YEAR TO DATE AS % OF LAST YEAR
	(MT)	(MT)	(TMT)	(TMT)	(%)
Apr 15	79,039	105,730	1,403	2,839	-50.6
Apr 22	112,284	104,652	1,516	3,028	-49.9
Apr 29	132,577	110,414	1,648	3,257	-49.4
May 6	124,838	112,185	1,773	3,474	-49.0
May 13	121,062	122,690	1,894	3,685	-48.6
May 20	139,001	129,369	2,033	3,855	-47.3
May 27	136,161	130,265	2,169	4,090	-47.0
Jun 3	79,184	118,852	2,248	4,325	-48.0
Jun 10	70,097	106,111	2,318	4,562	-49.2
Jun 17	77,910	90,838	2,396	4,775	-49.8
Jun 24	99,482	81,668	2,496	5,002	-50.1
July 1	100,306	86,949	2,596	5,208	-50.2

Note on data: Export figures since March 22, 2002, do not include fragrant rice. The authority to report fragrant rice exports was moved from the Thai Board of Trade to the Ministry of Commerce's Office of Commodity Standards, which does not release official fragrant rice export data. FAS/REK will report only official export numbers from the Board of Trade for non-fragrant and from the Office of Commodity Standards for fragrant rice when available, but the reader should bear in mind the difference between the data.

Source: Board of Trade of Thailand

Table 5: Weekly private registered rice export sales			
Movement (MT)	Jun. 11-15 (Preliminary)	Jun. 18-22 (Preliminary)	Jun. 25-29 (Preliminary)
Weekly sales	NA	NA	NA
4 week sum	NA	NA	NA
4 week mov. avg.	NA	NA	NA
Year-to-date sales	NA	NA	NA

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